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DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS SECDEF, CIA, DIA AND FBI

MADRID FOR LEGAL ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS, PINT, PO
SUBJ: COUNTER-TERROR PACKAGE FOR PORTUGAL

SUMMARY: EMBASSY CONCERNS OVER POSSIBLE RISE IN TERRORIST ACTIVITY
ARE MATCHED BY THOSE OF INTERIOR MINISTER. MINISTER HAS ASKED
FOR U.S. ASSISTANCE IN A COUNTER-TERROR PROGRAM. END SUMMARY.

1. RECENT DEATH BY BOMBING OF CANDIDATE FOR ASSEMBLY OF REPUBLIC
AND SPATE OF OTHER BOMBINGS HAS RAISED OUR CONCERN ABOUT TERRORIST
ACTIVITIES IN PORTUGAL. FAR LEFT AND OTHER NON-DEMOCRATIC
GROUPS WHOSE EAGERNESS FOR POWER IS NOT EQUALLED BY THEIR VOTE
GETTING ABILITY WILL BE INCLINED MORE AND MORE TO TAKE VIOLENT
SHORTCUTS.

2. A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF FOREIGN POLITICAL EXILES FROM
GROUPS LIKE THE TUPAMAROS ARE IN PORTUGAL AND COULD ASSIST
OR PARTICIPATE IN SUCH ACTIVITIES. GOP IS WORRIED ABOUT
THIS THREAT AND HAS RECENTLY INSTITUTED REGISTRATION PROGRAM
FOR FOREIGNERS.

3. INTERIOR MINISTER ALMEIDA E COSTA SPOKE TO LEGAL ATTACHE
FROM MADRID AND AMBASSADOR ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF U.S.

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ASSISTANCE IN THIS AREA. ALMEIDA E COSTA, CHARACTERISTICALLY

WELL ORGANIZED, WISHES TO GET A JUMP ON THE TERRORIST PROBLEM BEFORE IT BECOMES SERIOUS.

4. ALMEIDA E COSTA MADE FOLLOWING REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE:

--SPECIAL WEAPONS ASSAULT TEAM (SWAT) TRAINING FOR ONE SIX-MAN PUBLIC SECURITY POLICE TEAM AT THE FBI ACADEMY. (ALMEIDA E COSTA HAD IMPRESSION FROM HIS VISIT WITH FBI DIRECTOR KELLY THAT FBI WOULD BE WILLING TO ASSIST WITH THE TRAINING.) WE UNDERSTAND THAT FBI MAY BE PREPARED TO PAY FOR TRAINING AND FOOD AND LODGING COSTS. ALMEIDA E COSTA SAID MINISTRY WOULD PAY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL.

--BOMB DISPOSAL TRAINING AND, EQUIPMENT.

--INFORMATION, TRAINING MANUALS, FILMS, AND TRAINING ON DEALING WITH KIDNAPPING AND HIJACKING.

--ASSISTANCE IN IMPROVING INTELLIGENCE CAPABILITY, WHICH HE DESCRIBES NOW AS "VERY POOR," ESPECIALLY ON TERRORISTS. (EMBASSY IS PURSUING THIS REQUEST THROUGH SEPARATE CHANNEL.)

5. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST DEPARTMENT ADVISE ASAP ON THE POSSIBILITIES OF FBI AND OTHER AGENCIES BEING ABLE TO RESPOND TO ALMEIDA E COSTA'S SPECIFIC REQUESTS. IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD LIKE TO MOVE FAST ON SWAT PROPOSAL. WE WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTIONS ON OTHER WAYS WE CAN HELP GOP IN THIS AREA.

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